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APPLICANT(S): Sherman *et al.* CONFIRMATION NO.: 1975
SERIAL NO.: 10/750,521 GROUP NO.: 2825
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TITLE: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR INTEGRATING A PHYSICAL
MOLECULAR MODEL WITH A COMPUTER-BASED
VISUALIZATION AND SIMULATION MODEL

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Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants hereby make of record the patents and publications listed on the accompanying Form PTO-1449, and other information contained herein, for consideration by the Examiner in connection with the examination of the above-identified patent application. Copies of the non-U.S. patent documents and non-patent publications are enclosed.

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It is respectfully requested that each of the patents and publications listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, and other information contained herein, be made of record in this application.

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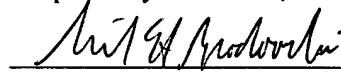
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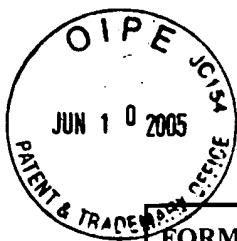
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